



Resolution No.2011 – 024  
February 1 2011

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that each year in February, City Council provides the City Manager by resolution the budget priorities for the next fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 5.02 of the City Charter, the following direction is hereby given:

That the City Manager shall present City council with a balanced Resources Allocation Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 using the following organizational values, goals and action strategies:

**Organizational Values**

Three fundamental values continue to underlie our work together on behalf of the citizens of and visitors to the City of Ypsilanti.

- 1. *Open, transparent and accessible decision-making***  
We are committed to openness and transparency in our decision-making, doing whatever we can to ensure that information is available to the public in a timely fashion and in a manner that is easily understood, and providing opportunities for public engagement and participation in decision-making.
- 2. *Fiscal solvency and sustainability***  
We are committed to ensuring the long-term financial stability of the City. Our budget decisions must reflect a balance between short and long-term considerations, and we will work to reduce the costs of city services to the extent we can while maintaining effective city services and a sound infrastructure.
- 3. *Customer Friendly Service***  
We are committed to providing services to residents and visitors in a customer friendly fashion, ensuring that service processes are effective and understandable, being responsive to requests for service to the extent we can consistent with procedures and resources, and ensuring that people recognize the limits of our ability to respond.

## **Budget Priorities for FY 2011-2012**

The following action strategies have been established utilizing the information provided by City Council during the four goal setting sessions that occurred on November 9, 2010, November 23, 2010, December 14, 2010, and January 18, 2011:

1. *Technology - to increase efficiency and effectiveness using technological opportunities*
  - Purchase and implement paperless interfacing for all city departments
  - Purchase and implement electronic inspection software for rental housing inspections and ordinance enforcement
  
2. *Regionalization – to collaborate with adjacent units of government to provide services*
  - Participate with Ypsilanti Township in a study to create a regional police authority
  - Participate with Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti Township and Pittsfield Township in a functional fire district
  - Continue participation in the Washtenaw Urban County Collaborative
  
3. *Management/Coordination – to adapt the organization to changing needs*
  - Create a plan for sustainable Special Events coordination
  
4. *Facilities/Infrastructure – to improve aging buildings, facilities and streets*
  - Develop a plan to finance and construct Parks and Signal buildings at Department of Public Services
  - Continue to implement appropriate projects using Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Funds
  - Develop a plan to use a portion of the Freight House for public assembly
  - Develop a long-term plan for redeveloping and operating the Rutherford Pool
  - Develop a plan to better utilize office space at City Hall
  
5. *Neighborhood Stabilization – to strengthen community quality of life*
  - Ensure the Administrative Hearings Bureau is successful
  - Accelerate the existing vacant and dangerous building process
  - Develop a long-term funding plan for demolition of dangerous buildings
  - Implement the Planning Grant for Harriet Street corridor and Gateway Neighborhood
  - Improve Eastern Michigan University traffic flow and access issues adjacent to campus
  - Develop a legal action plan for the Thompson block prior to April 2011
  - Create a commercial paint grant program
  - Improve community beautification by utilizing the County's work release program
  - Create a plan for addressing graffiti
  - Work with Housing Commission to ensure successful redevelopment of Parkview Apartments
  - Continue to participate in the Washtenaw County Land Bank Authority
  
6. *Economic Development – to create an environment that attracts and retains businesses*
  - Develop options to address the Water Street Long term debt concern
  - Develop a new action plan to attract development for Water Street
  - Provide staff support to the Gateway Community and Economic Development Corporation
  - Communicate with council the time required to make overall changes to the planning and zoning ordinances

- Develop a five-year plan to annually restripe all on-street parking
- Develop an energy generating plan for the Peninsular Paper Dam

7. *Transportation – to strengthen mass transportation alternatives in the city*

- Create long-term plan for public transportation
- Prepare the site to accommodate Ypsilanti’s commuter rail stop
- Continue participation in the Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Authority

8. *Strategic Planning – to strategically position the city for opportunities*

- Update the City of Ypsilanti 1998 Master Plan
- Create a plan to address staffing levels, employee concessions, future obligations and liabilities, and their impact on future collective bargaining agreements.
- Explore alternative revenue sources to offset the loss of property and gas and weight taxes
- DDA Parking Study-Implementation
- Implement East and West Cross Street streetscape projects
- Resolve DDA boundary issues regarding Riverside Park, Ballard St. parking lot and extending West Cross TIF
- Engage the public in setting service levels by conducting a citizen survey

OFFERED BY:           Council Member Vogt          

SUPPORTED BY:           Council Member Bodary          

YES: 7      NO: 0      ABSENT: 0      VOTE: Carried